

ROWING DID NOT CAUSE HIS DEATH

Julian Curtiss Says Race Did Not Hasten Demise of Griswold.

RACE EFFECT MAY NEVER BE KNOWN

Yale Stroke Oar, Who Collapsed During Race and Died in Frisco Hospital Was Not Over-trained, but Over-zealous—Effect on the Sport.

The death in a San Francisco hospital of Dwight T. Griswold, the Yale oarsman, who collapsed while stroking his eight against Harvard at New London last June, has furnished rowing men with a topic which bids fair to be much discussed. Griswold's case, it is generally admitted, is one of the most remarkable instances of athlete "nerves" ever recorded.

Griswold, it will be remembered, was chosen as Blue stroke after much hesitation. The year before he had stroked the four which had won ten lengths. At the time he entered the race last June he was twenty-three years of age, weighed only 137 pounds, and stood six feet one inch. As oarsmen go, he was not considered typical. Yet there had been other strokes at Yale and elsewhere who were not unlike Griswold in general make-up. They had stroked their crews to victory on more than one occasion.

Griswold's collapse came at the two-mile-and-a-half mark when the race was little more than half over. There had been delays in starting the shells; the crews had scarcely been sent away for the first time when a mishap, due to the snapping of a lace of Captain Ide's shoe halted both eights, and made a second start necessary. This occurrence, it is believed, had not a little to do with the events which followed.

How the race was rowed; how the Yale shell stayed beside the retarded crew for the first half distance; how Griswold, limo and lifelines, was lifted out leaving the remaining seven to finish out the race homelessly beaten—all these facts are, perhaps, too well known to need repeating. It will never be decided just what real effect that race had upon Griswold. Some reports have it that he never was a well man after the unfortunate occurrence. Others say he recovered almost immediately.

Had No Connection. According to Julian W. Curtiss, Yale's grand old oar, who says that no connection whatever between Griswold's collapse six months ago and death from typhoid and pneumonia, in Curtiss, who, next to Coach Kennedy, knows most about rowing affairs at New Haven, said this afternoon that the oar had never really "seen" the death of Griswold.

"I wish it would be made plain," he remarked, "that Griswold's collapse was not in any sense due to physical exhaustion or poor physical condition. I am positively convinced that such was not the case. I knew Griswold, knew him throughout his career at the Yale squad and when he entered the race he was in the very best condition physically. My own opinion, and that of physicians who attended him after he was taken from the boat, was, and is, that the young man suffered a nervous collapse due to over-excitement, nervousness and too great zeal to do his utmost for the crew and for Yale.

"Griswold was not overtrained. He was overzealous. There is such a thing as being too conscientious, too eager to make good, and Griswold was that. He was a very conscientious man. As a man he represented the highest possible type. He always wanted to do his best. He never thought of himself, but always kept in mind the idea of serving Yale.

"Around the boat house he was in the habit of going up and down the flag him on the back and saying: 'Brace up, old man, there's nothing to be gloomy about.' We saw him stroke that great four-oared race in 1907, and we watched him in the regatta at New Haven, and he never showed any signs of collapse. I don't think there was any way of foretelling what would happen at New London last June. As I say, Griswold was in the pink of physical condition. What was going on in his mind all that time was beyond our knowledge.

"He told me afterward that his first sensation was that of a pall gradually sinking upon him. It kept getting worse, he said, and he felt he was losing control of himself. He was choking when we took him out of the boat, and breathing very hard. The doctors said these were symptoms of nervous, not physical, exhaustion.

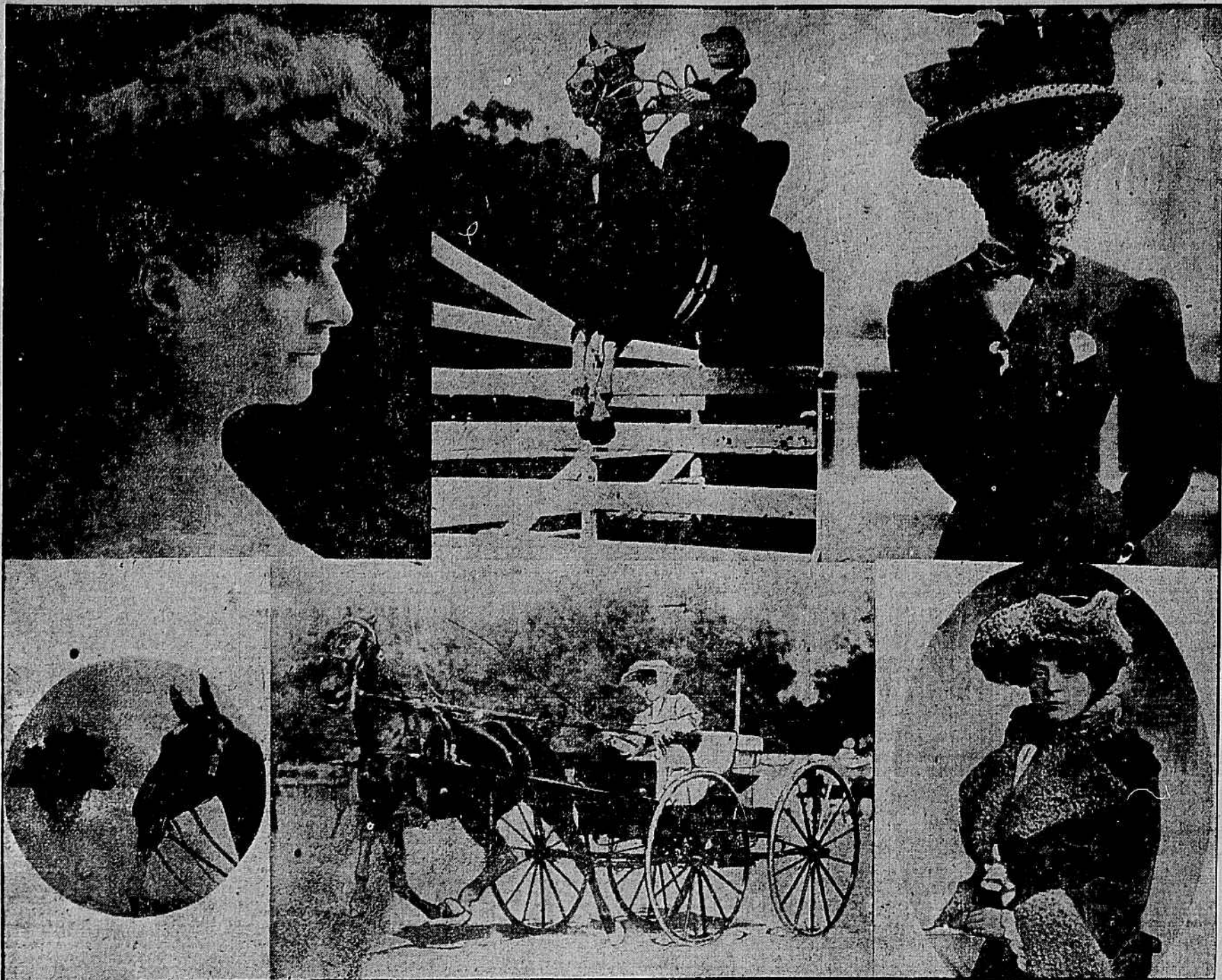
"Now, you cannot make me believe that all this must be attributed to boat-racing. Such things occur in almost every branch of activity. In Griswold's case it might, presumably, have come from business worry or from such other causes as rowing. But this much is certain, Griswold was justly be traced to New London. Griswold went away to the country immediately after the race. I was in constant communication with his brother at the time, and through him I learned that Dwight was recovering rapidly. He soon regained his health, so I was told.

"It is absurd for these people to talk about a three-mile race instead of a four-mile. The distance has nothing to do with it. In Griswold's case it would have been the same at either would only row a little harder for less time. Griswold collapsed at the two-and-a-half-mile mark in a four-mile race. It is not possible that he would have done the same thing at the two-mile mark had the race been for three miles.

"I never placed very much stock in the three-mile idea, and certainly there is nothing in the Griswold affair to strengthen the argument. Curtiss was asked whether he thought the death of the Yale oarsman would be likely to injure rowing as a sport, in the general estimation of the public.

"I will not concede that it does injure rowing," was the response.

WOMEN WHO HAVE ACHIEVED FAME IN THE WORLD OF SPORT



MRS. MAX FLEISCHMAN, One of the most talented women hunters of big game in the world.

MISS FRANCES FELL, of Philadelphia, an exceptionally clever horsewoman and noted cross-country rider.

MRS. JOHN GERKEN, of New York and Boston, known the world over as exhibitor, owner and judge of fine horses.

Miss Emily Bedford's Champion Horse, "Miss Ann."

MISS MARY PAUL, of Philadelphia, known throughout the country as horsewoman and cross-country rider.

LADY CONSTANCE STEWART RICHARDSON, England's champion woman swimmer. She also excels in many lines of sport.

SHRUBB DEFEATS THREE SPRINTERS

Englishman Proves Himself One of World's Greatest Long-Distance Runners.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, January 9.—Alfred Shrubbs, probably the greatest long distance runner in the world, gave a superb exhibition of speed and endurance in the Madison Square Garden to-night, when he won a twelve-mile relay race against three crack sprinters.

From the first lap Shrubbs showed that he was a phenomenal runner. He sprinted away from Frank P. Kennedy, the first relay man, and beat him by two and one-half laps in the first four miles. The time was 21:30. Then Shrubbs had the same advantage over Fred Simpson, a Canadian Indian, at the end of the eighth mile, his time being 42:15. Shrubbs ran ten miles in 54:58, beating all previous records at Madison Square Garden. Shrubbs won the last four miles by about three-quarters of a lap in 1:05:57.

The English champion was fresh as a daisy when he walked to his dressing room.

Small Crowd Present.

That New Yorkers do not care for anything in the way of foot races but long distance events between star performers of the Longboat-Dorando type, was shown by the comparative smallness of the crowd which gathered to see the Shrubbs relay race. In spite of the fact that it was Shrubbs' first appearance in this city, the Englishman did not turn out in large numbers. Still, there were more than 3,000 persons on hand at 9 o'clock, when a five-mile professional handicap was started. This event was the forerunner of the relay race, in which Shrubbs met three men at twelve miles, each of his rivals to travel four miles. George Considine was referee and Scott McCormick and Edward Stelmer judges.

Mr. Ryan Not to Race.

A close friend of Mr. Thomas F. Ryan, who was in the city yesterday, said that the stories published regarding the purchase of a string of Kentucky thoroughbreds for the purpose of "paying much attention to horse-racing" were entirely without foundation. "I have had a talk with Mr. Ryan within the last few days," he said, "and he told me that these stories had no foundation in fact. He declared that he had recently purchased twenty Kentucky brood mares and a Kentucky stallion, but that they were only bought for the purpose of further stocking his Oak Ridge Farm in Nelson county."

"Mr. Ryan, as is well known, is a great lover of horse flesh, but he has no remote idea of breeding horses for racing purposes. As a matter of fact, he has for several years exhibited his horses at the local fairs and horse shows, and will probably continue to do so, but he has not the slightest idea of breeding horses for racing purposes."

GOOD SHOWING OF RANDOLPH-MACON

Defeated by Narrow Margin in Hard Fought Game With William and Mary.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)

LONDON, January 9.—Forty delegates, representing all the more important countries of the world, will meet here on Monday to open the first International Aero Congress, for the purpose of establishing a code of rules for air navigation. The arrangement to hold the meeting in Paris was abandoned at the recommendation of Delegate Walker Rogers, who represents both American and British clubs.

According to the members of the congress, nearly all the experts in aeronautics, the meeting is necessary because no one has a right to fly across occupied land, the world in this respect being governed by the Roman law, which gives every land owner the right to the space above his land "up to the sky" and under it. Land owners who at present object to aero flights above their property could obtain an injunction at any time. There must be some international agreement about this, declared General Baden-Powell, since it is evident that flying machines are here to stay.

Other questions to be discussed are: how the customs of flight will be effected, whether machines can be stopped from flying above fortifications, what should be the rights of the road in the upper air, and what statutes should be advised regarding articles dropped from aeroplanes. The congress, which will last three days, will have no right to enact any rules or laws, but its decisions are certain to be taken into consideration by the legislators who shortly will be called upon to act.

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WINS MARATHON RACE SECOND TIME IN TWO WEEKS.

BOSTON, MASS., January 9.—Marathon laurels were won to-day by Robert A. Fowler, of the Cambridge Port Gymnasium Association, for the second time in two weeks over the familiar course from Ashland to this city, but lengthened to the regular distance of twenty-six miles 385 yards by having the finishing mile at the National League baseball grounds, admission to which was charged for the benefit of the Italian sufferers. Fowler covered the distance in 2 hours 48 minutes and 56 seconds, 7 minutes and 39 seconds slower than the outdoor record, held by Maloney.

RULES OF THE AIR WILL BE DECIDED

Aeronauts Will Meet to Discuss Customs of Those Who Fly.

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Ideas Exhausted and They Are Now Beginning to Imitate Americans.

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NEW YORK, January 9.—J. D. Maxwell, who has just returned from a tour of European factories, winding up at the Paris automobile show, comments as follows on his European observations:

"I must confess I was surprised and also somewhat disappointed in the much heralded and talked of Paris salon. The impression I gathered was that the foreign manufacturer is at the end of his rope, and is turning to America for new ideas. 'Give us something new,' seems to be his cry, and strange as it may appear, they are adopting features now that American designers have thoroughly tried out some time ago. Every one who has followed foreign practice knows that the planetary transmission was rather shuffed at abroad, yet this year at the Paris salon several concerns are using it for the first time on light machines, a type of transmission which is entirely American, and one that we have used on runabouts in this country with success for several years.

Imitating Americans. "In other words, American construction is beginning to be imitated. The shaft drive is slowly displacing the chain abroad. In this respect America is far ahead, as the shaft drive has been popular in this country for the past five years, and its popularity is still on the increase. In talking with various foreign designers and studying the conditions, one thing strikes me with particular force was that the American designers seem to be more open-minded—the foreigners are very apt to get into a rut and stay there. In their effort to introduce new features the Europeans are trying out principles which were tried out years ago in this country, and in some cases discarded.

"In my tour of the factories I found only two runners at full capacity and many others have largely reduced their working forces."

TO PLAY VIRGINIA.

William and Mary Basketball Team Meets Varsity Five Friday Night. William and Mary College's basketball team will play the quintet of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville next Friday night. The Williamsburg boys have a fast team this season, and they expect to give Virginia a hard field. Saturday night the team will play the Staunton Military Academy five.

Early in February the William and Mary team will make a trip to the water, Virginia, playing the team of the Newport News Young Men's Christian Association on the night of February 13th, and the Brambleton Athletic Association's five on the night of February 14th.

DEEP RUN HOUNDS LEAD FINE CHASE

Large Field Follows in Season's Fastest and Best Hunt.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

A representative field followed the Deep Run hounds yesterday on the fastest and best hunt of the season. The dogs were cast at Roseneath, the hunt leading through Chantilly, up Broad Street Road, through Eubank's, Bethel's, Morrison's, Bloomingdale and by Young's farm, through Mordecai's to the club house. Eight miles were traversed in the day's run. Those members of the club who were not present missed one of the treats of the hunting season. Six couples were cast, three of American hounds and three of English. Mrs. W. O. Young, the only lady rider, followed the field all the way through.

Those riding to hounds were W. O. Young, M. E. H. on Overland; J. W. Graves on Kingsman; William Hubert on Grander; E. D. Harris on Gates; B. H. Ellington on Robin Hood; J. A. White, on Iron Prince; R. B. Whitehurst, on Lady Manlorie; J. L. Gathright, on Bertha Barker; Everett, Wadley, on Linnaeus; Mrs. W. O. Young, on Jim, and Jesse Draper, huntman, on Allan Brock.

A reception was tendered the field following the hunt. Mrs. W. O. Young, Mrs. Joseph E. Willard, Mrs. R. B. Whitehurst, Mrs. William Hubert, Miss Nora Leary, Miss Frances Meyers and Miss Eleanor Lindsay receiving.

A CHANGE IN TIME

Commission Issue Important Notice in Regard to Waivers.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 9.—The national baseball commission has issued a notice to all major league clubs regarding a change in time at which waivers can be asked on pitchers as decided upon last Monday at the meeting of the commission in this city.

In the future no waivers shall be asked by any major league club for purchased minor league players previous to Dec. 1, following such purchase, except where the player purchased is for immediate use and joins the purchasing club and has been under contract for at least ten days and participated in at least one game with such club.

When a major league club asks for a waiver to a purchased minor league player, the president of the league controlling such club shall immediately notify the president of the opposite league thereof to the effect that said opposite league shall be required within three days either to waive claim to such player or negotiate for his services for the particular club in his league desiring the same; the claim, however, of any club in the league seeking the waiver to have precedence over the claim of any club in the opposite league.

Trophy From Tall.

TOLEDO, O., January 9.—President-Elect Taff has given a trophy to the Toledo Yacht Club, to be raced for annually by the catboats of the Great Lakes. The trophy will be received by the club shortly.

A LARGE FIELD IS NOW ASSURED

Probably 200 of Country's Best-Known Trap-Shooters Will be at Pinehurst.

MANY PROFESSIONALS WILL BE ON HAND

C. W. Billings, of New York Athletic Club, Expects to Defend His Title—Rich Trophies in Addition to Cash Prizes Offered in Various Events.

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PINEHURST, N. C., January 9.—Advance entries for the second annual Midwinter Handicap Trap Shooting Tournament assure a field of not less than 150, and possibly 200 participants, representing the best shots in the country, with the delegations from New York, Pennsylvania and the South and West very large.

C. W. Billings, of the New York Athletic Club, winner of the handicap last year, will defend his title, leading a squad of clubmates which will include Dr. Culver, Hall, Pelham, Hodgman, O'Donohue, and others.

G. H. McCarthy, of Philadelphia, winner of the preliminary in last year's shoot, will come with a representative Pennsylvania, Delaware and Washington, delegation, including George Painter, of Pittsburg, winner of the Wesley Hogan trophy at Atlantic City; William Ford, of Wilmington, Del., and others.

The Crescent Athletic Club line-up will include Lockwood, Leahy, Hendrickson, Stephenson, Hopkins, and others, and Dr. Gleason will head the Boston Athletic Club men, famous among trap shots everywhere, through the annual Paleface Handicap.

C. M. Powers, of Decatur, Ill., will be prominent in the Western delegation and Bandmaster John Phillip Sousa will be a conspicuous figure.

Among Southerners.

Prominent among the Southerners will be George L. Lyons, of Durham, N. C., winner of the Southern and Eastern handicaps last summer, and Mayor James I. Johnson, of Raleigh.

The array of professionals will include J. A. R. Elliott, Harold Money and John R. Taylor, of the Winchester squad; T. A. Marshall, Frank E. Butler and Mrs. Butler (Annie Oakley) and George W. Maxwell, of the U. M. C.; Fred Gilbert and Walter Huff, of Du Pont; H. S. Welles and A. M. Hatcher, of "Dead Shot," and E. H. Storr, of "Peters."

The shoot is booked for January 21st, 22nd and 23rd, but the three days preceding will be occupied with the sweepstakes, making a week of shooting. The trophies include handsome sterling cups for the preliminary and handicap winners, a gold and two silver medals for the highest amateur averages, and a gold medal for the highest professional average. Five hundred dollars in added money will be divided in sweepstake events according to the rules of the Interstate Association.

An enjoyable feature of the week will be the annual banquet and presentation of prizes at The Carolina on Saturday evening, the 23rd.

WANTS WIDER FIELD.

Association to Take Vote on Withdrawal From Organization.

Richmond College Athletic Association will hold a special meeting next Wednesday in the college chapel to determine whether it shall withdraw from the Eastern Collegiate Association of the smaller colleges of the State.

At a meeting held last fall it was proposed that a withdrawal be considered, and any definite action be postponed until a later date. The plan at that time was in little favor with many of the students, and was thought very unlikely to pass.

No definite reasons were given, and it appears that the local institution expects to be out of the class or the present colleges in the league with the coming growth and rebuilding, by which the Richmond teams will be placed in the rank of the larger colleges of the State.

The decision can hardly come any too soon, as the schedules are completed for the remainder of the season, and the football dates will soon be taken under consideration for next fall.

A withdrawal would also mean the loss of the interesting championship contests that have drawn a good following in this city, and which have been noted for their clean playing and good spirit.

The track squad has begun strenuous training, and will start at the training table to-morrow. The first meet on the schedule is the Johns Hopkins games, which will be held in the spacious Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore, on January 30th. Georgetown University has challenged Richmond to a relay race at this meet, and there should be a good match, as both teams will be in excellent condition by that time, and the winners will probably figure in the Southern championship, which was won by Virginia last season from the Georgetown aggregation.

Manager Bird has on his list for the winter, in addition to the Baltimore meet, three trips to Washington to attend the George Washington meet on February 13th, the Federal meet on February 20th, and the Georgetown meet on March 6th.

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